

city college news

"Vision 2003" - Kick off event coming October 3!

There's a buzz going around the College -- and everyone is invited to join in the excitement for "Vision 2003".

"Vision 2003" is an initiative that builds on the Building our Future Forums, Action Plan meetings, SuperBuild celebration and the Change Project. It represents a new vision for The City College: to be the college of choice in our strategic program areas based on academic excellence, a high employment rate and excellent student service.

"We have a compelling vision for The City College that we need to implement right now," says Michael Cooke, VP, Academic Excellence and Innovation. "Post secondary education is changing, because of the needs of learners, the needs of the workplace and technology. If we don't get started, we'll miss the bus!"

To make the vision a reality, Cooke says everyone at the College must understand the vision, get excited about it, and then "roll up our sleeves" to make it happen.

To kick off "Vision 2003", College President Frank Sorochinsky is inviting all City College staff and faculty to "Vision 2003 - Success in the City", scheduled for Wednesday, October 3. The president will share the College's strategic direction and then a wine and cheese reception will follow. Everyone is invited and invitations will be sent later this month.

"Success in the City" is only the first of a number of special events focusing on "Vision 2003". Later in October, all interested staff will have the opportunity to see how other colleges are meeting the challenges of education in the 21st century. Bus tours will take City College faculty and staff to visit one of Georgian College in Barrie, Niagara College in Welland, Seneca College in north Toronto, or Monroe College in Rochester, N.Y. (the Monroe College tour is an overnight tour). These visits are open to all staff and more information will be sent out soon.

To keep up the momentum, a College-wide celebration is being planned for March 1, 2002. The event, called "Ramping Up for Success", will celebrate the College's successes, update strategy, and chart the future. The day's activities will include development sessions, a party, and high-profile guest speakers including broadcaster Stuart Maclean, educator and Professor emeritus Ursula Franklin, and ex-Toronto mayor David Crombie.

"We will continue to host College-wide gatherings where we can steep ourselves in the vision and spread the excitement," says Cooke.

So mark your calendars now and keep an eye on your mailbox for your invitation to "Success in the City" to be held October 3rd.



START-UP 2001: Students filled the gyms at St. James and Casa Loma and the cafeteria at Nightingale last week to get ready for the new school year. Peter Au (right) helps Lorraine Park, a student in the Human Services Counsellor program, in the gym at St. James.

Mark your calendars:

Wednesday, Oct. 3, from 5 to 7 pm

"Success in the City"

Isabel Bader Theatre, University of Toronto
Includes a wine and cheese reception

Tuesday, Oct. 23 to Thursday, Oct. 25

"On the Road to Excellence"

Bus tours to one of Georgian, Niagara, Seneca or Monroe College (Rochester, NY)

and Friday, March 1, 2002

"Ramping Up for Success"

MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

Everyone is invited!

Student Association president plans to invite 'Hurricane' Carter or 'Pinball' Clemons to help motivate City College students

Kevin King hopes that George Brown College "will be changed forever" during his tenure as Student Association President.

The third year Business Marketing student took office as SAC President on May 14 and has spent the summer getting ready for the new school year.

King is no stranger to leadership. In 2000, he represented Canada as a presidential classroom scholar at the Future World Leaders Summit held at the White House in Washington, D.C.

Originally from Jamaica, King emigrated to Canada in 1993. He came to the City College in 1999, after graduating from North Albion Collegiate Institute in Etobicoke. While at NACI, King served on the student council and later joined the Rexdale Youth Council where he became chair.

Earlier this year, King received a Harry Jerome



youth leadership award for his work in the community. When asked what focused him, King cited the death of a friend who was gunned down four years ago. After that, King said he knew he wanted to make a difference on behalf of youth. As SAC President, King plans to "create energy" while starting a number of initiatives for City College students.

One of his ideas draws from meeting Michael "Pinball" Clemons, ex-player and coach of the Toronto Argonauts football team and Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, a heavy-

weight boxer who was wrongly convicted and released from a U.S. jail. King met Clemons and Carter at the 19th Annual Harry Jerome Awards at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Clemons was one of the hosts of the event and Carter was awarded the President's Award. King hopes to get one of them to visit the College as motivational speakers for the students.

King's other ideas include introducing a Student Ambassadors Program that draws resources from not only the Student Association but also the Registrar's Office and Student Affairs; hiring more than 25 students, from all campuses, to create a network that will share information for different promotions; putting up Suggestion Boxes around the campuses and then taking those suggestions to board meetings; and, in a joint venture with Athletics, keeping current information

on the campus boards.

In addition to these initiatives, King hopes to work with the Board of Governors to decrease tuition fees and improve KPI scores, "because if they're a GBC issue, they're a SAC issue, too!"

He would also like to give students a voice in the design of new programs. King cited the new degree nursing program as one example.

"Students should have input into the future of the new nursing program," he said. He says the College can learn from other colleges and plans to communicate ideas through a "Best Practices" forum.

In the little spare time he has -- he spent the summer working as a business analyst for ScotiaBank -- King likes to work out or play a little pick-up basketball.

As for the future, after graduation King plans to enroll in the Business Administration degree program at Northwood University in Michigan.

More than 200 attend five Student Service Sessions

More than 200 faculty and staff attended five Student Service Sessions held August 14, 16 and 22.

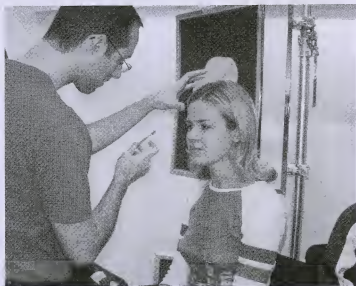
Casa Loma and St. James campuses each had two sessions and Nightingale Campus hosted one session. The goal was to share information regarding processes and procedures with as many faculty and staff as possible.

Pam Royle, VP Strategic Enrolment Management, chaired the hour-long question and answer sessions. Each session began with a brief overview of the services offered by each of the Office

of the Registrar, the Educational Resources Department, and Student Affairs.

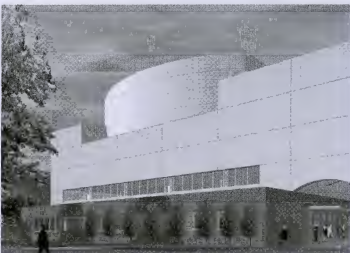
These sessions will be held three times a year to keep up to date on the improvements the College is making to help improve student service.

For anyone who was not able to attend, there are four documents on the College intranet site at 132.132.3.1. These cover processes such as student registration, course exemptions, and how to get lockers. There is also an update of the FAQs (frequently asked questions) and a list of program orientations.



BACK TO SCHOOL MAKEOVERS: Revlon teamed up with The City College to offer makeovers and free haircuts to some top students the week of August 27. Gillian Hutchison (right), a Marketing graduate now enrolled in the new Database Management post-diploma program, has her make-up done at The Bay, Queen Street.

Update: SuperBuild projects and summer renos



The new 48,000 square foot building, going up behind the Centre for Hospitality & Tourism on the St. James Campus, is just one of 59 university and college buildings going up in Ontario in 2001/02.

As part of the SuperBuild program, George Brown College is expanding its classroom and student space with two new buildings and a two-floor addition at Ryerson University.

This investment, totalling \$51 million, addresses the anticipated growth in enrolment because of the double cohort of Ontario high school students who will be entering post-secondary schools in 2003. The money includes provincial government funding with matching dollars coming from George Brown College and private donors. The three projects, at three locations, will accommodate 2,300 new students.

The largest project is a new building on the Casa Loma Campus for the Technology department. This new 120,000 square foot space will replace two old facilities, 146 Kendal and 37 Dartnell. It will be connected on all four floors to 160 Kendal Ave. and to 1 Dartnell. It will provide a new entrance to the campus, improve circulation, and create more of an educational identity for the site designed for high-tech educa-

tion with computer labs and wireless technology. Each floor will have its own identity, based upon the floor's principle occupant: Main Floor - Student Association; 2nd Floor - Centre for Advanced Building Technologies; 3rd Floor - Centre for Microelectronics; 4th Floor - Information Technologies.

The building will house classrooms for 50 to 200 students and the development includes improved landscaping and a parkette on the lot where the building at 37

Dartnell currently stands.

Demolition of the current building at 146 Kendal is scheduled to begin in October 2001. 37 Dartnell will be demolished near the end of the construction period.

The St. James Campus will also be getting new space, designed primarily for the Centre for Financial Services.

This new building will connect on three of four floors to the Centre for Hospitality & Tourism. Its 48,000 square feet, most of which is classroom space, will accommodate 900 new students.

Although the new space will be available to all programs, the primary tenant will be the Centre for Financial Services, which includes the financial planning and accounting programs. It will house classrooms ranging in size from 20 to 320 seats, including a large 320-seat lecture theatre which will allow for more efficient teaching of multi-section classes. It also features a small exhibition area to showcase student work, high-tech computer laboratories and wireless technology.

Alternate parking facilities have been secured to replace most of the parking spaces

lost by putting up the new building on the existing parking lot. Both this project and the new Casa Loma building are scheduled to be ready by winter 2002/2003.

The third major construction project has already started. Two additional floors dedicated to programs in the Centre for Studies in Community Health, will add 72,000 square feet of space to Eric Palin Hall on the Ryerson University campus. Construction began in July and is expected to be finished by the summer of 2002.

This space will be used by both George Brown College and Ryerson University for programs in Early Childhood Education and Gerontology, among others. The emphasis is on space and material for training, using the best in audiovisual and computer resources. These new floors are part of the infrastructure that will allow students to train for either a diploma and/or a degree.

This summer has been a busy one for renovations throughout the College. The largest project took place in Casa Loma's Building D for the Technology Department. The space was totally reconfigured and air conditioning upgraded on the first and second floors. Old workshops were also converted to high tech computer labs, technology labs, machine shops, classrooms and offices, all at a cost of more than \$2 million.

Other projects included: recarpeting the Learning and Resource Centre at St. James; refinishing all corridors in Building B; replacing old and damaged student lockers at Casa Loma; and renovating the reception areas for the Community Health Department and Hospitality & Tourism Centre.



The latest architect's rendering of Casa Loma's new building. It will replace the buildings at 146 Kendal and 37 Dartnell. For more information, check www.gbrownc.on.ca/Admin/Facmgt/sbuild/SBproj.html

Some TLCs for students at GBC

The St. James (Room 430A) and Nightingale Campus (Room 210) Tutoring and Learning Centres (TLCs) will open later this month.

The Casa Loma TLC is being developed (location to be announced later).

TLCs will support students who need to improve their academic standing in English and mathematics. Some programs, such as Pre-Health, will require students to complete a learning contract in the centres. Other students who have been placed into a foundational-level English and/or mathematics course may also be required to complete a learning contract in the centres. Any student who wants to improve his/her skill level in English and/or mathe-

matics may also use the TLC.

TLCs will provide facilities for computer-based learning, individual study space, and space for discussion groups and individual tutoring.

Full-time English and mathematics professors will be available for one-on-one help for students in foundation-level courses. Peer tutors will also be available.

Before using the service, students must take a Tutee Preparation Workshop and sign-in each time they visit. Hours of operation will be posted at the Tutoring and Learning Centre, on the Web, in Student Affairs, the Campus Open Access Computer Learning Centres and Learning Resource Centres.

New faculty orientation

A total of 18 new full-time faculty took part in a week-long orientation from August 20 to 24, 2001.

Participants were given a multitude of teaching and learning resources, hands-on opportunities, and a selection of challenges, all in an inviting and sharing climate.

Creating a Positive Learning Environment was the recurrent theme. Faculty discussed what to do the first day of classes, cooperative learning, e-learning, classroom management, learning styles, as well as our strategic direction and vision for 2003, including SuperBuild projects.

The first three days were spent in residence at the Eaton Hall Inn and Conference Centre in King City. A special Tuesday evening reception brought members of senior management to Eaton Hall to welcome the new faculty. Also on hand were several College faculty to share

their classroom experiences.

On Thursday, the faculty returned to the College to hear presentations from various college services areas.

On Friday, faculty participated in a one-day workshop on academic advising training facilitated by Student Affairs.

And the fun doesn't stop there! All this is part of the increased emphasis on academic excellence. New faculty will continue with a variety of other planned activities over the next two years.

Included are monthly, three-hour sessions on reflective practice as well as a four-day Instructional Skills Workshop, a Wisconsin Instructional Development System workshop, and Diversity Training. Year two will focus on project development.

The facilitators for this event were: Leo Spindel, Shirley Lesch, Marjorie McColm, Michael Cooke and Dale Hall.

Leo Spindel

news briefs

GBC Human Rights Advisor appointed

Dale Hall has joined The City College as Human Rights Advisor to the President. She has 13 years' experience at York University, most recently as Senior Coordinator at York's Centre for Human Rights and Equity.

Her office is currently located on the main floor at 500 MacPherson Ave. and she can be reached at ext. 4646.

Know an extraordinary grad? Nominations being accepted for 2001 Premier's Awards

Nominations will be accepted until September 10 for the 2001 Premier's Awards. This annual provincial awards program recognizes outstanding career success and community contributions made by Ontario's college graduates.

Winners receive \$5,000 to be given to their college for student scholarships and bursaries, a bronze medal and a certificate of achievement. George Brown College graphic design graduate Paul Rowan won last year. Rowan, co-founder of Umbra Inc., took the award in the Applied Arts - Creative Arts category.

Nominations can be made in one of six categories: the new Recent Graduate category (graduated within the past five years); Applied Arts - Creative Arts; Applied Arts - Community Services; Health Sciences; Business; and Technology. For more information, contact Mary Kennard at ext. 2106.

Web registration update: More than two-thirds use web to register for GBC programs

As of September 4, more than 6,200 students out of a total 9,000 students had registered using the College's new web registration system.

And more than \$1.5 million in fees had been paid on-line!

New website on its way: Stay tuned for more!

The City College website is getting an update. The new look will be unveiled in October. Stay tuned ...

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